

The City of Santa Fe is master planning a new park for the southwest area of the city. Located on 97 acres of city-owned land identified in the 1993 Tierra Contenta Master Plan as an 'activity node', the new park is intended to help serve the recreational needs of a growing Santa Fe community. With extensive public involvement over the course of the master planning process to ensure the needs of the community are addressed, the plan called for public input on community needs and program element desires in the programming phase, organized sports group input, and public preferences on master plan alternative designs.

The following master plan is proposed for the new Southwest Park to provide a range of recreational opportunities for adjacent neighborhoods and the community at large:

Largely organized within the ca. 40 acres of developable park area along the arroyo, the park will contain diverse areas including multipurpose play fields (both artificial turf and grass), playgrounds, a skate park/plaza, tennis courts, a restroom/maintenance building, a festival lawn, etc. (see park elements list to right). The efficient placement of these uses interconnected with pathways and vehicular access, allows for the preservation and enhancement of the hillsides and drainageways that are a unique asset to the site.

The park will be accessed from the Plaza Central extension and Paseo del Sol West extension. An internal boulevard connects a wide range of program elements organized along it. Parking is located along the boulevard and sized according to projected parking needs of adjacent program elements.

A pathway network connects local neighborhoods to the park, provides access to and between park elements, and connects to regional trail systems.

